

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 - 22 are pending in this application and are rejected in the final Office Action mailed on February 12, 2007. In response to the final Office Action, Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention by incorporating the claimed features of claims 2 and 17, respectively. Thus, the dependent claims 2 and 17 have been canceled. Dependent claims 3, 5-10, and 15 have been amended to conform with the amendments to the independent claim 1. Dependent claims 20-22 have been amended to conform with the amendments to the independent claim 16. It is believed that the foregoing amendments do not add new matter. Entry of the accompanying amendments and reconsideration of the amended application are respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 1 -22 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (a)

Claims 1 - 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by JP 11098426. Applicants traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 *inter alia* recites:

"amplifying said received television signal in response to a control signal, where said amplifying occurs when said received television signal exceeds a first signal level if said received television signal comprises said digital television signal, said amplifying occurs when said received television signal exceeds a second signal level if received television signal comprises said analog television signal, and wherein said first signal level and said second signal level have a predetermined relationship of said second signal level being greater than said first signal level." (underline added for emphasis)

Amended Independent claim 16 *inter alia* recites:

"the value of said control signal is decreased when said received television signal exceeds a first signal level if said received television signal comprises said digital television signal, the value

of said control signal is decreased when said received television signal exceeds a second signal level if received television signal comprises said analog television signal, and wherein said first signal level and said second signal level have a predetermined relationship of said second signal level being greater than said first signal level." (underline added for emphasis)

JP 11098426 neither shows nor suggests the claimed "predetermined relationship" between the two different signal levels for the received digital and analog signals, respectively (underline added for emphasis). This predetermined relationship is clearly defined in the amended claims 1 and 16. Amended claim 1 as well as amended claim 16, *inter alia*, recites "said first signal level and said second signal level have a predetermined relationship of said second signal level being greater than said first signal level." (underline added for emphasis)

It is submitted that JP 11098426 fails to teach or suggest the claimed "predetermined relationship" between the two different signal levels but that JP 11098426 merely describes a selection between the two AGC signals (i.e., "AGCa" and "AGCd"). In fact, it is noted that NO particular predetermined relationship between the threshold levels for the two AGC signals is disclosed in JP 11098426. Thus, it is submitted that the amended independent claims 1 and 16 are patentable over JP 11098426.

It is also submitted that the dependent claims 4, 11-14, and 18-19 and the amended dependent claims 3, 5-10, and 20-22 are patentable at least for the same reason that the amended independent claims 1 and 16 are patentable. Withdrawal of the rejection is believed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

No Additional Fee

No fee other than the fee for extension of time is believed due. However, if additional fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

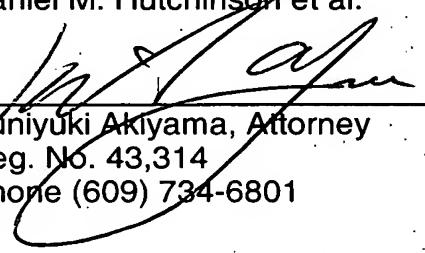
Conclusion

In view of all of the foregoing, it is submitted that the amended application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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